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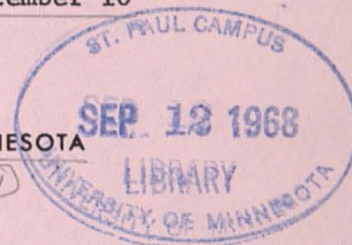


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FALL BULBS

Plant spring-flowering bulbs in the fall if you want a glamorous early spring garden. Plant them as soon as most of the bulbs are available, starting about the first of September and continuing until frost. The smaller bulbs, such as crocus, scilla, and snowdrop should be planted in early September. Plant daffodil, hyacinth and tulips later.

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Tulips may be planted in blocks of one color or set in patterns. Plan these designs on paper before planting. This will give a good idea of the number of bulbs needed and the location of the bulbs in the planting. When bulbs are used in the perennial borders, it's best to cluster them in various locations. Plant four or five bulbs of one variety to give a good show of color in each location.

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The depth of planting depends on the soil type and the kind of bulb involved. No bulb should be planted less than 2 inches deep. The larger bulbs such as daffodils and tulips should be planted from 6 to 8 inches deep, depending on the soil type. If the soil is heavy clay, they should be planted a little more shallow than in sandy soil.

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The soil should be of good tilth. Adding sand and organic matter to a heavy soil will improve the tilth and drainage.

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The area where the bulbs are to be planted can be fertilized with 4 to 5 pounds of a complete fertilizer per 100 square feet before planting to improve the nutrient level.

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